agencies under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) upto 30.11.2009.

(b) Funds are allocated under PMGSY by the Ministry of Rural Development to the States and not district-wise. Funds allocated to Chhattisgarh under PMGSY, year-wise, are as under:-

Year	Allocation (Rs. in crore)
2000-01	87.00
2001-02	87.00
2002-03	87.00
2003-04	87.00
2004-05	87.00
2005-06	235.00
2006-07	235.00
2007-08	240.00
2008-09	240.00

(c) 903 road works of length 4611 km. have been sanctioned by the Ministry of Rural Development for implementation under PMGSY in Sarguja district of Chhattisgarh. Rural roads under PMGSY are constructed by the State Government through its own agencies. The details of road works taken up under MPGSY are also available on the website *www.pmgsy.nic.in/www.omms.nic.in.*

(d) 218 road works of length 1248 km. have been completed under PMGSY in Sarguja district of Chhattisgarh.

(e) In addition to the normal inspection of works by National Quality Monitors (NQMs), during the years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 (upto September, 2009), 5 enquiry teams were deputed by National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA) for inspection of road works taken up under PMGSY in Sarguja district. These teams inspected 46 PMGSY road projects and found major deficiencies in 31 projects. The reports of teams have been sent to the State Government for taking remedial action.

Guidelines for PMGSY

2911. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing guidelines to execute Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) has become a hurdle for its effective implementation;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken to the effect; and

(c) whether the Central Government has received any recommendations from the State Government of Kerala for change in existing norms in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) and (b) Implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is governed by the existing Programme Guidelines. On receiving of representations from the States or on reviewing, the Government amended the Guidelines, as needed, for effective implementation of PMGSY. The amendments made in PMGSY guidelines are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) Yes, Sir.

Statement

Amendments to the PMGSY Programme Guidelines:

1. Para 11.5 of Programme Guidelines was amended by Ministry of Rural Development *vide* letter no. P-17025/2/2008-RC dated 23rd January 2008 indicating that in case the value of tenders received is above the estimate that has been cleared by the Ministry, the difference (tender premium) pooled for the entire state for works cleared in a Phase/batch will be borne by the State Government.

2. Ministry of Rural Development amended para 3.4 of PMGSY Guidelines *vide* letter no. P-17023/38/2005-RC dated 29th February, 2008, where in it is indicated that in blocks bordering international boundary in the hill states (as identified by Ministry of Home Affairs), all habitations within a path distances of 10 Km may be treated as a cluster for determining the population size of the habitation. The earlier limit for cluster in those areas was 1.5 km, as given in the PMGSY programme guidelines.

3. Ministry of Rural Development amended clause 8.5 (v) of PMGSY Programme Guidelines *vide* letter no. P-12025/8/2001-RC(Pt) dated 17th December 2008 indicating that the prorata cost of bridges beyond 50m will be borne by the State Government. Cost of causeways, however, irrespective of their length, will be borne by the Government of India. Earlier it was only 25m limit for MoRD funding.

4. In the LWE affected areas, keeping in view the constraints being faced, for execution of PMGSY projects, the programme guidelines were relaxed as follows, as per the request of the State.

   (i) Proposals may be submitted on basis of line estimates.

   (ii) Time period for completion of works may be extended up to 18 months for New Connectivity.

   (iii) Works may be executed departmentally, in view of the likelihood of non-availability of contractors.

   (iv) Tender premium would be paid by the State Government only, as covered in the modified para 11.5 of PMGSY Guidelines.